



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your November 2021 update

Our news:

***Mary Courtney**, our Artist in Residence, worked with historian Dr Daniel Reed to pinpoint hundreds of grimacing faces that look down upon the city. BBC Online has published Coventry Grotesques online. The link to “a monstrous feast of visual wonders” is www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-58979395 Mary Courtney’s art and craft workshops at the Central Library have been well-supported by people of all ages. We thank Mary for providing creative opportunities to attendees.

*Our free **poetry night**, with a galaxy of national and local poets, was held on Saturday 23rd October. It was ably compered by Coventry Poet Laureate, Emilie Lauren Jones. The Open Mic session unearthed emerging talent in Coventry. An attendee, who had travelled a fair distance to attend the event, remarked how enjoyable the poetry event had been.

*Our **Peace Festival Poetry Competition Awards afternoon** will be held on Saturday 20th November 1.00pm-4.00pm at the Central Methodist Hall, City Centre, CV1 2HA.

*The Box, FarGo Village, is the venue for our poetry workshops and the finale event, which takes place on Sunday 21st November 4.00pm – 6.30pm.

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Arty-Folks** have released the new schedule of Art for Wellbeing November-December courses. To register, visit www.arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on/calendar/ or www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/

***Chat Central’s** October newsletter has a host of information about their programmes for 16-25 year olds right up to December.

*News items in **Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods’** newsletter: a Green Flag Award for Coventry Canal; the installation of Coventry artist Favour Jonathan’s sculpture of Ira Aldridge on a lower roof of the old IKEA building; Nitrous Oxide incidents and much more

***Coventry Libraries** are looking to collect 60-second-long audio files of stories about Coventry's real or mythical past. These will be incorporated into a bespoke bench made especially for Coventry Libraries. Ideas can be emailed to elinor.cole@coventry.gov.uk The library service has also arranged a host of: author events, creative writing sessions and reading group meetings for adults during November and December 2021. English and French Conversation cafés and friendship group meetings are held in selected libraries. There are also storytimes and craft activities for children and young people.

***Coventry Peace News** informs us about a campaign to end violence against women; Un Women's webinar, commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; Coventry-Dresden Friendship Festival, and much more...

***FWT** continues to run free online workshops every Friday 11-12 to support Refugee and Leave to Remain Women. The last workshop – Parliament Workshop Part 1 – will be led by Coventry MP Colleen Fletcher, who will discuss her work as an MP. This workshop will inform women how to influence decisions made in the UK Parliament.

***Sue and Graham Pountney** have resumed their Quiz season. Anyone interested in receiving their quiz questions, is requested to contact positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

***UNA Cov News** informs us about: Coventry Climate Action Network's Peace & Climate Pledge posters; Boris Johnson's address and Greta Thunberg's keynote speech at the Youth4Climate conference; information about Green Week and the dates for the 2022 Green Week – 7-13 March

***Warwick Arts Centre** has arranged the screening of a wide variety of films.

***WATCH Charity** has released its latest *What's On* guide. For further information, please visit www.watchcharity.org.uk

Culture Noticeboard...

***Coventry City of Culture Trust** has partnered with different organisations in Coventry to put on a flagship programme, centred around Green Future.

***MOBO** (Music of Black Origin) awards ceremony will be held at Coventry Building Society Arena on Sunday 6th December.

For your information and action...

*The 2021 **National Inter Faith Week** will be marked from 14 to 21 November. The aims of the week are: to strengthen inter faith relations; increase awareness of different faiths in the UK; and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. www.interfaithgweek.org

*The dates for Refugee Week 2022 – 15 to 20 June

GOOD NEWS

Positive Images Festival congratulates **Sanjay Jagatia**, CEO of Ekta-Unity, on being selected as 1 of 100 individuals from across the world to represent the “Citizens’ Voice” on the “Global Assembly” for COP26.

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